(b) and (c) An earthquake of magnitude 5.0 occurred on 15th February 2006 at 00 hrs 47 minutes IST in Uttaranchal (India)-China border region. With its epicenter at 30.4° N/80.4^0 E. No loss of life and damage to property has been reported by the Government of Uttaranchal.

(d) and (e) As per the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, the State Government concerned is required to undertake necessary rescue and relief operations out of the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1. In the wake of a calamity of a severe nature, the Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing logistic support and financial assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the laid down procedure.

The State of Sikkim has been allocated an amount of Rs. 17.53 crore in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2005-06 consisting of Rs. 13.15 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 4.38 crore as State contribution. Both the instalments of central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 13.15 crore have been released to the State Government. The State of Uttaranchal has been allocated an amount of Rs. 94.69 crore in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2005-06 consisting of Rs. 71.02 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 23.67 crore as State contribution. Both the instalments of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 71.02 crore have been released to the State Government.

While the Government of Uttaranchal has not sought any assistance for the earthquake of 15th February, 2006, the Government of Sikkim has requested for additional assistance for relief operations in the areas affected by the earthquake of 14th February, 2006. The detailed memorandum is awaited from Government of Sikkim, which be considered as per the laid down procedure for released of funds from NCCF, of so required.

Training budget of Delhi Police

1715. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the training budget of Delhi Police;

(b) what are the norms prescribed for training in general; and

(c) whether there is lack of training in any way affecting the performance of Delhi Police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) A provision of Rs. 13.82 crore under non-plan and Rs. 50 lakh under plan budget has been provided for the financial year 2005-06 for expenditure on training by the Policy Training College of Delhi Police. The amount provided includes provision for expenditure on salaries, travels, office expenses, professional services, machinery and equipments, up-gradation of training facilities, etc.

(b) The general norms prescribed for training for Delhi Police personnel are as follows:

1. To train police officers of all ranks to make them highly competent police officers.
2. To make them aware about the duties and responsibilities towards society and to discharge of their duties fearlessly.
3. To honour and respect human rights.
4. To develop knowledge skills and proper attitude in trainees.
5. To acquire physical strength, stamina and flexibility.
6. To promote discipline.
7. To impart adequate knowledge of law and its proper application.
8. To make the training methods interactive and interesting.
9. To inculcate human values, positive attitude and concept of "Citizen First".
10. To learn modem investigation techniques including computer application, skill for interrogation, ability to counter extraneous pressures etc.
11. To evolve need based training courses that would improve functional efficiency of the rank and file.

(c) Delhi Police personnel are provided basic, promotional and specialized trainings to increase their efficiency. Besides, refresher courses and 'on the job training are also organized at District/Unit levels

under the supervision of PTC from time to time to upgrade their professional skills, and to inculcate the values of ethics, discipline, human behaviour and morality.

Vacant posts in NDMC

1716. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of posts are lying vacant in various departments of the New Delhi Municipal Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the non-filling up of these posts and how this affecting the efficiency of the working of the NDMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The department-wise details of the posts lying vacant in New Delhi Municipal Council are as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of the Establishment	Number of posts vacant
1.	Civil Engineering Department	519
2.	Health Department	282
3.	Electrical Engineering Department	353
4.	Secretary's Establishment	804
5.	Architect and Horticulture Department	219
6.	Education Department	158
	TOTAL	2335

(c) The aforesaid posts are lying vacant mainly due to non-finalization/publication of Recruitment Rules and time required by the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board in selection process. The vacancy in NDMC is not adversely affecting the work, as it is being managed by the existing staff.